

BEDFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



BEDFORD SUMMER ADVENTURES 2015 at Bedford High School

Session 1: June 29th - July 10th
Session 2: July 13th - July 24th
Session 3: July 27th - August 7th

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Summer Adventures: 781-275-1015 (June 29th – August 7th only)
Recreation Office: 781-275-1392

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This packet contains important information about our program. Please take a couple of moments to familiarize yourselves with the information. Our goal is to provide an exciting, fun and safe summer with opportunities to develop new friendships and have new experiences. No concern is ever too small. Please feel free to communicate with us at any time.

It is our sincere hope that your children enjoy a special summer with us.

Sincerely,
Peter, Stacy, and Lee

“SNEAK PEEK” OPEN HOUSE

Open House is an opportunity for you and your children to explore Summer Adventures and to meet the counselors prior to the start of the program.

Date: Friday, June 26th
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Check in at the Bedford High School Cafeteria

Please note: In this document, “Adventurers” refer to children entering 1st - 4th grade. “Junior Adventurers” or “Juniors” refer to children in Pre-K to entering Kindergarten and Adventures Away refer to children entering grades 5 and 6.

PICK UP & DROP OFF PROTOCOL

For the safety of all children

Children should arrive between 8:50 and 9:00

FIRST DAY:

1. Please check group lists located on front and back door windows of the school to identify your child’s group name.
2. Adventurers and Junior Adventurers meet in the **Cafeteria**. **Junior Adventurers will enter the cafeteria via the first door on the left cafeteria. (This will be clearly marked). Grade 1 – 4 Adventurers will enter via the main cafeteria door inside the building. Adventures Away will meet in rooms H101 and H102.**
3. Parents must say goodbye at the Cafeteria/Side door. Each child will be escorted to his/her table by one of our counselors. While this first parting may seem abrupt, our experience confirms that this is, in fact, the easiest way for children to begin.

4. Once all children are accounted for, groups will begin the day's events according to their schedules. SA activities are varied and include both active, moderate, and low-key games and projects.

Junior Adventurers must follow the Junior Escorted Drop Off

procedures below. Grade 1 – 4 Adventurers and Adventures Away may choose to use the escorted or the unescorted procedures. Please do not stop or park in the visitor or staff spots located in the front of the school. These parking spots are reserved for high school staff only. We appreciate your help with this.

Junior Escorted Drop Off

- ☐ Park car in the BHS LOWER PARKING LOT, by the basketball courts.
- ☐ Walk your children to the designated Junior Adventures (left side) door of the Cafeteria.

Grade 1 – 6 Escorted Drop Off

- ☐ Park car in the BHS REAR PARKING LOT, behind BHS and Town Library (beside the Town Library rear parking lot).
- ☐ Walk your child through the building to the Cafeteria (Adventures) or H101 H102 (Adventures Away) room door.

Unescorted Drop Off:

- ☐ Drop off at 2nd FRONT ENTRANCE.
- ☐ Please drive in lane closest to school for drop off.
- ☐ Drivers must remain in car.
- ☐ Children exit cars on sidewalk side of car.

NOON Pick Up (Junior Adventures):

- ☐ Park in the lower front parking lot (by the basketball courts).
- ☐ Groups will be seated in the cafeteria. Counselors will walk children to meet their parents at the doorway as they arrive for dismissal.
- ☐ Children will only be dismissed to their own parents or guardians unless a written note instructs otherwise.

3 PM Pick Up:

- ☐ * ALL children will be picked up from the field beside the rear parking lot (behind BHS). All cars must be parked; no live parking pickups

- ☐ * Children will be with their groups at time of pick up.
 - ☐ * Parents should walk to children's groups.
 - ☐ * Please check your children out with their counselors.
- * Children will only be dismissed to their own parents or guardians unless a written note instructs otherwise.

****On days of inclement weather, pick up will be in the cafeteria.**

ALL ADVENTURERS

Summer Adventures begins at 9:00 a.m. Children will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

Regardless of the weather, all children should bring a backpack with swimming attire and a towel. Grade 1 – 4 Adventurers and Junior Adventures should bring a lunch that will be refrigerated. All groups will have a time allotted for snack, so please also send in a small snack and drink.

****Absolutely NO DOGS at drop off or pick up due to numerous allergies****

ABSENCES: Please call if your child is going to miss a day of Summer Adventures (781-275-1015). Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer.

MEDICATION: If your child requires medication during his/her time at Summer Adventures, please be sure to fill out the appropriate medication form when dropping off on the first day. A table with forms will be set up at the entrance of the cafeteria. Epi-Pen kits will be carried by the counselors.

HEALTH NOTE: Please note that children must eat and drink during the Summer Adventures day in order to remain healthy. If family practices or observances deny children food or beverage during the day, please contact the Amy Hamilton, Recreation Director, at the Recreation Office as soon as possible to discuss whether or not family restrictions are permissible.

SHOES: For safety sake, children must wear sneakers. Sandals, flip-flops, Crocs or jellies are acceptable only at Springs Brook Park.

STORAGE OF BELONGINGS

Backpacks: Please note that children's backpacks are kept in unlocked lockers. As such, we recommend that only items such as clothing and towels be kept in backpacks.

Electronics/Valuables: We discourage children from bringing electronics or other valuables as they will not be locked or kept in a monitored environment.

Glasses or Other Personal Items: Personal items such as glasses should be given to a counselor to hold when not worn/used.

Other: We realize that children may sometimes bring items of value to Summer Adventures. Examples of this are car seats that another parent/sitter will need and overnight bags that children are bringing from one house to another. Please bring these items to the Director to store appropriately.

EARLY BIRD PROGRAM

Please escort your children to the main cafeteria of BHS. Arrival time is any time after 8:00 AM. At the start of Summer Adventures (9:00), your children will be escorted to their groups.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Bedford Summer Adventures Extend Day Program is for Grade 1 – 6 Adventurers who have registered for this “add on.” It runs Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Depending on weather, extended day will include a trip to Springs Brook Park and other age appropriate activities. It is recommended that children bring an extra snack as well as a bathing suit and towel for extended day (so that they have a dry set to wear). **When weather is nice, pick up will be from the playground adjacent to the Public Library. On days of inclement weather, including extreme heat, pick up will be from the BHS Cafeteria.** Pick up from these locations will be from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Should you have to pick up your child earlier than 5:00 PM, please call 781-275-1015 for a recorded announcement of any variation from the Springs Brook Park destination. Please note that Extended Day will not be held August 7, the last day of Summer Adventures.

Information regarding Christian's Law and its implications for the Extended Day program at SBP was sent to parents via separate mailing. As stated in the information, children in Level 3 will be given a swim test at the park. Children designated, as “at risk” swimmers will be required to stay in a designated area in the pond.

Please be sure to pick up your child no later than 6 PM. Our Extended Day Staff often has work and other commitments after 6:00 PM.

SWIM INFORMATION

Grade 1 – 4 Adventurers are the only children who participate in swim lessons. Children will be placed in small groups for lessons according to Springs Brook Park testing and swim records. If your children have taken swim lessons during the off-season or have not taken lessons at Springs Brook Park, it is your responsibility to contact the Recreation Office at least two weeks prior to the start of your children's Summer Adventures program to discuss level placement. Progress reports or Red Cross swim cards will be mailed to parents at the conclusion of each session.

Children change in the locker rooms at the High School. **Because swimming lessons for Gr. 1&2 take place first thing in the morning, please send your first or second grade children to Summer Adventures wearing bathing suits.** Please be sure that you have provided a change of clothes for your children for when they return from their lessons.

Should you have any questions or concerns about swim lessons, please feel free to contact Summer Adventures Directors so that we can assist in making the process as positive and successful as possible.

Field Trip and Special Event Information

During the course of each session all Grade 1 – 4 groups will participate in at least one off site field trip and Junior Adventurers will participate in bi-weekly trips. Bedford Summer Adventures will provide additional staff for all off site trips. In addition, all children **MUST** wear Bedford Summer Adventures tee shirts on field trip days. All children will be provided camp t-shirts on the first day of their session (one t-shirt per

child per summer). Additional t-shirts are available to be purchased for \$7.

Please note on Canobie Park Days we will have a dismissal time of 4pm.

Permission slips and waivers are available online. They MUST be printed, filled out, and returned to your child's counselors on the first day of each session in order for your child to attend the field trips. If unable to access the internet, permission slips will also be available at Summer Adventures and we would be happy to send them home with your children if you call to request a copy. **Recreation Fax: 781 – 687 – 6156.**

Half Day Junior Adventurers will be attending the field trips scheduled during their sessions. Estimated return times will be sent home at the beginning of each session. (Week 1- Davis Farmland, Week 3- Southwick's Zoo, Week 5- Boston Children's Museum)

Tentative Special Events Schedule (website will have updated information):

Week 1 (June 29th- July 3rd):

Tuesday 6/30- Safety Vehicles (Juniors - Grade 1)
Wednesday 7/1- Davis Farmland (Juniors-Grade 2)
Wednesday 7/1 - Mel's Funland (Grades 3&4)
Friday 7/3- All American Dress Day & Sundaes (ALL SA)

Week 2 (July 6th- July 10th):

Tuesday 7/7- Wacky Dress Up Day (ALL SA)
Wednesday 7/8- Canobie Lake Park (Grades 1 – 6)
Bubble Show (Juniors)
Friday 7/10- Cookout (All SA)

Week 3 (July 13th- July 17th):

Tuesday 7/14- Safety Vehicles (Juniors - Grade 1)
Wednesday 7/15- Southwick's Zoo (ALL SA)
Friday 7/17- Sundaes (ALL SA)

Week 4 (July 20th - July 24th):

Tuesday 7/21- Character Day (ALL SA)
Safety Vehicles (Juniors - Grade 1)
Wednesday 7/22- Canobie Lake Park (Grades 1 - 6)
Big Joe Storyteller (Juniors)
Friday 7/24- Talent Show & Cookout (All SA)

Week 5 (July 27th- July 31st):

Tuesday 7/28- Safety Vehicles (Juniors – Grade 1)
Wednesday 7/30- Boston Children's Museum (All SA)
Friday 7/31- Sundaes (All SA)

Week 6 (August 3rd – August 7th):

Tuesday 8/4- Team Spirit Day (All SA)
Wednesday 8/6- Canobie Lake Park (Grades 1 - 6)
Jenny the Juggler (Juniors)
Friday 8/7- BSA Awards & Cookout (All SA)

ALL FIELD TRIPS AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Children on Summer Adventures Field Trips MUST ride on the bus both ways. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Many additional special events, entertainers and theme days will take place throughout all three sessions. Each session, we will distribute a newsletter to announce all of the latest information and events!

Please note- When you enrolled your children in Summer Adventures, a waiver was signed giving us permission to take and share photos of your children. If you did not read the full waiver or you have since changed your mind, please contact Amy Hamilton at the Recreation Office to ensure that we are aware of your request.